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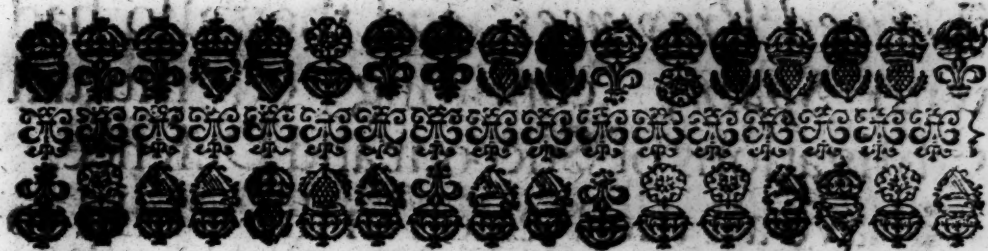
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My Lords and Gentlemen,



He several Prorogations  
I have made, have been  
very advantageous to  
Our Neighbours, and  
very useful to Me; for  
I have employed that time in making  
and perfecting an Alliance with the  
Crown of *Spain*, suitable to that which  
I had before with the States of the

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*United*

*United Provinces*, and they also had with *Spain*, consisting of mutual Obligations of Succour and Defence.

I have all the Reason in the world to believe, that what was so much desired by former Parliaments, must needs be very grateful to you now : For though some perhaps may wish these Measures had been taken sooner, yet no man can with Reason think that it is now too late ; for they who desire to make these Alliances, and they who desire to break them, shew themselves to be of another opinion.

And as these are the best Measures that could be taken for the Safety of *England*, and the Repose of Christendom, so they cannot fail to attain their end, and to spread and improve themselves farther, if Our Divisions at home do not render Our Friendship less considerable abroad.

To prevent these as much as may be, I think fit to renew to you all the Assurances which can be desired, That nothing shall be wanting on My part to give you the fullest Satisfaction  
your



your Hearts can wish, for the Security of the Protestant Religion, which I am fully resolved to Maintain against all the Conspiracies of Our Enemies, and to Concur with you in any new Remedies which shall be proposed, that may consist with preserving the Succession of the Crown in its due and legal course of Descent.

And in order to this, I do Recommend it to you, to pursue the further Examination of the Plot, with a strict, and an impartial Enquiry. I do not think My Self Safe, nor You neither, till that matter be gone through with. And therefore it will be necessary that the Lords in the Tower be brought to their speedy Trial, that Justice may be done.

I need not tell you what danger the City of *Tangier* is in, nor of what Importance it is to Us to Preserve it. I have with a Mighty Charge and Expence sent a very considerable Relief thither: But constantly to Maintain so great a Force as that War will require, and to make those new Works,

and Fortifications, without which the Place will not be long Tenable, amounts to so vast a Sum, that without your Support it will be impossible for Me to undergo it. Therefore I lay the matter plainly before you, and desire your Advice and Assistance.

But that which I value above all the Treasure in the World, and which I am sure will give Me greater Strength and Reputation both at home and abroad, than any Treasure can do, is a perfect Union amongst Our Selves.

Nothing but this can Restore the Kingdom to that Strength and Vigour which it seems to have lost, and Raise Us again to that Consideration which *England* hath usually had.

All *Europe* have their Eyes upon this Assembly, and think their own Happiness or Misery, as well as Ours, will depend upon it.

If We should be so unhappy as to fall into such a Misunderstanding amongst Our Selves, as would render Our Friendship unsafe to trust to, it will not be to be wondered at, if Our Neighbours



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Let Us therefore take care that We do not gratifie Our Enemies, and Discourage Our Friends by any unreasonable Disputes.

If any such do happen, the World will see it was no fault of Mine; for I have done all that was possible for Me to do, to keep you in Peace while I live, and to leave you so when I die.

But from so great Prudence and so good Affections as yours, I can fear nothing of this kind; but do relie upon you all, that you will use your best Endeavours to bring this Parliament to a good and happy Conclusion.

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